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Application of:	Devlin, et al.)	
Serial No.:	10/773,079)	
Filed:	February 5, 2004)	Group Art Unit: 1641
Title:	Method for Automatically Storing and Reprocessing Patient Specimen's in an Automatic Clinical Analyzer)	Examiner: Unknown
Atty Docket No.:	DCS-9119B)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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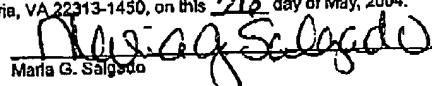
IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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-- This application is a continuation-in-part of US Serial Number 09/827,045 filed on April 5, 2001, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of US Serial Number 09/725,621 filed on November 30, 2000, now abandoned. --

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